



### **Parent/Student Rights: Upper School**

In connection with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

On behalf of Thornton Academy's sending public school districts, Thornton Academy provides parents/guardians with all the rights granted by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act ("Section 504") to parents and their children who are identified as disabled. It is the policy of the school to inform parents of decisions about their children and of their rights if they disagree with any of those decisions.

Parents of children who are identified as disabled have the following rights under this policy:

1. To have their child take part in, and receive benefits from, public education programs without discrimination because of his/her disability
2. To have the school advise them of parents' rights under federal law
3. To receive notice from the school with respect to the identification, evaluation, educational program or placement of their child
4. To have their child receive a free appropriate public education according to the Department of Education's 504 Regulations, including: the right to be educated with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate; the right to reasonable accommodations, modifications, and related aids and services necessary for the child to benefit from his/her educational program.
5. To have their child educated in comparable facilities and receive comparable services to those provided to non-disabled students
6. To have decisions regarding their child's evaluation, program and placement based upon a variety of information sources, and made by persons familiar with the student, the evaluation data, and the placement options
7. To have their child re-evaluated periodically, to the extent necessary, including before any significant changes are made to their child's educational program or placement
8. To have their child receive an equal opportunity to participate in extra-curricular school activities

